Docket No.: 050203-0149 **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 31824

Kiminobu HIRATA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4387

Application No.: 10/576,720 : Group Art Unit: 3748

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For: ENGINE CONTROL APPARATUS:

AND ENGINE OPERATING

METHOD

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended for two months from November 8, 2007 to January 8, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.